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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**KOKOMO MAN SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS IN FEDERAL
PRISON FOR UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF GUN**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JACKIE WOODARD, 44, of Kokomo, Indiana, was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge David F. Hamilton following his conviction at trial November 30, 2004, for the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

This case, which was jointly investigated by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, and the Kokomo Police Department, was prosecuted as part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods initiative to reduce gun violence.

On August 20, 2004, Kokomo Police officers responded to a 911 call of shots being fired at a mobile home park in Kokomo. They found witnesses claiming WOODARD's wound was self-inflicted. They also found a .38 caliber revolver, containing five live rounds

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and one empty shell casing, laying on the floor of the mobile home. Law enforcement officers found JACKIE WOODARD nearby. WOODARD claimed he had accidentally shot himself. WOODARD was previously convicted of the felony offense of aiding a robbery in 1993.

According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Hamilton increased WOODARD's sentence to the statutory maximum after determining that he had obstructed justice by threatening and attempting to influence the testimony of witnesses.

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